

*****January 11, 2021*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting electronically on Monday, January 11, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Vicki Anderson
Councilmember Andrew Gardner
Councilmember Dan Landrum

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Mayor Poss made the statement that it is in the best interests of the Town to hold this meeting electronically to protect the health, safety and welfare of the participants as authorized by Executive Order 71 from Governor Lee. All Councilmembers present were in agreement.

Minutes

The minutes for the December 14, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the minutes.

The minutes for the December 21, 2020 Water Utility Board meeting were presented. Vice Mayor Murdock said she had not attended that meeting, but that she is listed as present. Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes with the revision that Vice Mayor Murdock not to be shown as in attendance. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the minutes as amended.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

Claire Griesinger, Carriage Hill, said that at the prior Council meeting Councilmember Landrum had said that 80% of record requests were from her and that they had become burdensome to the operations of the Town. Ms. Griesinger stated that she had only made 21 requests in 2020. She said she recently withdrew a request for all correspondence, documents, contracts, etc. for the sidewalk projects, spanning 13 years, once she was made aware that this information was not already compiled in one file. Councilmember Landrum stated, and Mayor Poss agreed, that at no

time had Ms. Griesinger been named during the previous discussion concerning open records request.

There being no further requests, the meeting resumed.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ASHLEY HENRY AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS."

After discussion, the Council agreed that, for reappointments, they would like to review either the original application of the candidate, or a new application.

Councilmember Garner made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

2. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DOUG FUSTON AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS."

Councilmember Garner made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

3. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING SCOTT FERGUSON AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CONDEMNATION BOARD."
4. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARCI COOPER AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS."
5. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RAY BOAZ, CLAIRE GRIESINGER, JEREMY RARDIN AND MELISSA HARTMANN AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION."
6. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING BARBARA WOMACK, CLYDE WOMACK, ANNE HAGOOD, KYLE KELLY, ROBERT RICHIE JR AND JOSHUA ROGERS AS MEMBERS OF A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TREE BOARD ENTITLED TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S HEMLOCK CONSERVATION TASK FORCE."
7. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RITA IRVIN AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HISTORICAL COMMITTEE."
8. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARY MARGARET SULLIVAN TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD."

9. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JAMIE BLANTON AND EDDIE SMITH TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION."
10. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CURT KOONTZ AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S PARKS BOARD."
11. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BRANDON SULLIVAN AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S RECREATION BOARD."
12. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MARY MARGARET SULLIVAN AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S RECREATION BOARD."
13. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TOM TURNER AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S RECREATION BOARD."
14. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ROBERT RICHIE AND ANDREW HODGSON AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S TREE BOARD."

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve resolutions 2021-03 through 2021-14. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolutions.

15. "A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING ELLIS GARDNER TO THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD."

Councilmember Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Poss seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with four Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution, and Councilmember Gardner abstaining.

16. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RYAN SLATTERY AND MARCI COOPER AS MEMBERS OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN'S MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION."

Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

17. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PURCHASE ONE (1) AUTOMATED SIDE LOADING GARBAGE COLLECTION TRUCK CONSISTING OF A 2021 INTERNATIONAL CHASSIS AND HEIL LIBERTY BODY, FROM LEE SMITH INC., FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY- EIGHT DOLLARS (\$218,938.00) TO BE USED BY THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained that this item is scheduled to be budgeted in next year's vehicle replacement budget. However, he said that there is a 9-month turnaround once the order has been placed.

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

18. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WEST-ROCK CONVERTING COMPANY TO SELL SCRAP AND RECYCLED MATERIALS GATHERED AT THE TOWN'S RECYCLE CENTERS TO WESTROCK CONVERTING COMPANY WITH THE PRICING OF SAID MATERIALS BEING BASED ON MARKET CONDITIONS. A COPY OF SAID AGREEMENT IS ATTACHED HERETO."

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the Resolution with a correction in the second line from Rock-Tenn to West Rock. Councilmember Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution as amended.

19. A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHARLES POSS AS THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, ON THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY/NORTH GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mayor Poss made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of approving the Resolution.

Mr. Veal reminded the Council that a proxy would also need to be appointed for those instances when Mayor Poss might not be available.

Discussion

- a. Committee Liaison Guidelines. Council discussed a "red-lined" version of Mayor Poss's recommendations for the Liaison Guidelines. Mayor Poss said this version allows the Liaison to talk during any public participation section. Councilmember Landrum indicated that the previous evening he had received a copy of an e-mail sent by Elizabeth Baker. After discussion, the majority of the Council indicated they wish to use the latest version supplied by Mayor Poss to draft an ordinance.

Manager's Report

Mr. Veal reported that he has spent considerable time working on the Wild Ridge application for additional phases. He reminded the Council that this matter needs to go back to the Planning Commission, since the approved development schedule has not been met. Mr. Veal said that once the issue was reviewed by the Planning Commission, it would be presented to the Council.

Mr. Veal said he had met with staff and the Town Attorney to review a requested change order from the engineers on the Old Town sidewalk project. Mayor Poss suggested staff request project updates weekly from the engineer.

Other Business

- a. Communications from the Mayor/Council. Mayor Poss suggested that a part-time position be added to the budget to deal with the Town's social media. After some discussion, Mayor Poss asked that the Town's web site be a discussion item on the next agenda.

- b. Reports from Committees or Boards.

Councilmember Landrum reported the Personnel Committee had met and appointed officers.

Vice Mayor Murdock said that neither the MACC Board or Planning Commission had met.

Councilmember Anderson said the Library Board will not meet for 2 weeks. She said they will be discussing expanding the Board.

Councilmember Gardner said Dr. Keith Bohman has applied for the Recreation Board and that he recommends his appointment. Mr. Veal will research if the President of a league can serve on the Recreation Board.

- c. Other. None

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the January 25, 2021 meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Charles Poss, Mayor



Recorder